

WANGFORD WITH HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Wangford Community Centre Committee Room at 7.30pm Tuesday 10th October 2023

Present: Chair Cllr A Smith, Cllrs S. Smith, T. Carter, S. Ives, R. Waters, S. Farrands, and E. Utting.

Also in attendance: District Cllr. Paul Ashton.

Members of the public: Mrs. P. Mansfield, Mr. W. Seymour and Mr. A. Marfleet.

Temporary Parish Clerk, Mrs Sallie Smith taking minutes.

Declarations of Interest – None

Receipt and acceptance of apologies – Cllr. G. Pepper. – holiday.

PUBLIC FORUM –to include COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- District Cllr Paul Ashton was in attendance and provided his report – and said that the high-rise block of flat, St. Peters court, in Lowestoft was to be demolished due to the fact that there were potential problems with fire regulations and the building itself had less than a 10-year life span. Residents would be rehoused when work begins. He also reported that in time the council were looking to build a further 92 council homes. East Suffolk Council had also been found to have been over charging tenants and potential millions of pounds were owed, this could impact the availability of council housing so the council are trying to encourage private landlords to rent to people on low incomes. On the 10th October the planning committee had approved the development of 20 houses at Elms Lane with 6 of these properties to be affordable homes.
- Three members of the public were present at the meeting. With Mrs. Mansfield observing and wanting to hear the councils views on the planning proposal at 69 Church St.
- Mr. Marfleet remarked on the clearing up around the village sign and thought it splendid that thing were happening to tidy up the village. He was not happy with the internal audit report with some ticks in the no boxes. The response from the council was that an external audit is due shortly and everything is available for inspection at any time.

Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting Held 12th September 2023 –

The draft minutes for 12th September 2023 were agreed.

Proposed, Cllr S. Farands, Cllr E Utting 2nd All in Favour (AIF).

Matters Arising from The Minutes of Previous Meetings

- Lion Link – Cllr A. Smith had spoken to the chair of Reydon PC to offer support and agreed that members of the council would attend the Reydon meeting on 27th October. It was proposed that a leaflet would be dropped to residents alerting them to the potential devastating effect that a cable route could have within the area, giving contact email addresses for residents to write to if they wished to share their views. Proposed Cllr A. Smith, 2nd Cllr R. Waters, AIF.
- MUGA – the surface has now been coated and the contractor has looked at the boarding and will supply a quote for repairs. Grants have been applied for but no news as yet.
- Open structure for play area. Still awaiting quotes and confirmation that planning consent would be needed.
- CCTV advise and quotation – Broadland Security meet onsite with Cllr. S. Smith to discuss the possible mounting of cameras on the centre. One would face the front, one to cover the car park and tractor shed, on for the multi games area and one for the allotments and garages. Cost of installation would be approximately £1817 with an annual service charge of £110. The cameras would record on a two-week cycle so that if there were any incidents they could be reviewed and reported if necessary. Cllr S. Smith will advise the Community Council to discuss at their next meeting and report back if they are happy for this to proceed. Cllr S. Smith proposed acceptance of the quote, 2nd Cllr R. Waters, AIF
- Gateway signs for village entrance – Cllr A. Smith met with Wayne Savage to discuss siting for the village entrance signs. He was informed that a licence has to be applied for and paid to Suffolk Highways before the signs can be installed. It was agreed to join the Community Help Scheme whereby volunteers can help with work that needs doing around the village, including cutting back shrubs, cleaning signs, verge cutting etc. Cllrs A and S Smith have agreed to go for training at Ipswich so that working parties can be overseen in a safe and appropriate manner.
- Village sign area – has been tidied and the Community Council have kindly offered to pay for new hedging/planting. This will be carried out at the next working party.
- Community Garden- was mentioned that it was looking a little untidy. Hopefully this would be looked into and tidied when the next volunteer day is confirmed.
- Replacement bench in Churchyard – It was proposed that a new teak bench with plaque be purchased and placed by the war memorial as there used to be one there several years ago. Cllr S. Smith will order the bench and check with the PCC that they are happy with this proposal. Proposed Cllr S. Smith, 2nd Cllr E. Utting, AIF.
- Accountant/Bookkeeper – currently waiting for a quote from Cunninghams who would be prepared to help with VAT claims and auditing.
- Parish Clerk vacancy – the post is still being actively advertised.

Clerk's report to include crime report sourced from Police UK website.

Most recent update: 1 violence and sexual offence.

Any Other Councillor Reports

It was reported that the lights covering the garages are not working. Cllr A. Smith will contact the installer to replace the bulbs.

Finance

Accounts for Payment	COST	VAT	TOTAL
B. Dewing removing and disposing of trees by village sign.	£600.00		£600.00
Pearce & Kemp elec. Work to shed	£522.00		£522.00
Temporary Clerk – September	£225.00		£225.00
Anglia Surface Care	£3600.00	£720.00	£4320.00
East Suffolk Bin emptying	£52.00	£10.40	£62.40
Total			<u>£5729.40</u>

Proposed for payment Cllr R. Waters, 2nd Cllr S. Farands, AIF.

Accounts already paid – None.

Receipts:

Bank Statement Figures -

Current Account: £4256.52

Business Account: £7106.73

Latitude Ticket Sales Account £25062.93

Correspondence – None

Planning

a. Applications received:

DC/23/2380/FUL – Conversion of existing outbuilding to 2 holiday flats and construction of 2 holiday chalets in the gardens. 69 Church Street, Wangford, Suffolk, NR34 8RN.

Cllrs. Objection as to over development of the site.

District Cllr Ashton will recommend that this is heard at a full committee meeting rather than be based on an officers decision.

DC/23/3223/FUL – Retrospective Application – construction of a replacement single garage, Allotments, Norfolk Road, Wangford, Suffolk, NR34 8RE.

No objection.

b. Decisions received: None

Any Other Business – None.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Website: www.wangfordwithhenham.onesuffolk.net

Next meeting Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.30pm.